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Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence

The Town of Elk Point is the proud recipient of a Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence. The 2012 Partnership Award for the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Foreign Direct Investment Strategy was presented by Hon. Doug Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs at the AUMA Convention. Griffiths said the awards are "a testament to the great things municipalities are doing across the province" and "an opportunity to recognize exceptional programs and services." Left to right are Coun. Ron Fraess, Mayor Parrish Tung, Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich and Coun. Bernice Capjack.

Town hikes residential tax incentive

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

The Town of Elk Point now has the same tax incentive across the board for new construction.

Previously, owners of newly built residences received tax incentive on a diminishing scale of 100 per cent the first year, 50 per cent the second year and 25 per cent in each of the third and fourth years, while industrial and commercial construction was tax-free for three years from the date of occupancy.

The sliding scale created extra accounting procedures for office staff; resulting in what town manager Myron Goyan termed "a lot of paperwork."

Mayor Parrish Tung asked council to consider changing the residential incentive to coincide with that

for the other types of buildings. The mayor feels this "delayed revenue gathering," will boost sales of the new residential lots coming on stream, and will result in an increase in the town's population.

After some discussion whether the change should cover three or two years, council voted unanimously in favour of the three-year period, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2013, with the tax-free period beginning on the date of occupancy.

Subdivision options

Council studied a series of design options for the new multi-family subdivision north of the current apartment blocks, and chose to register the fifth design of the series. One lot, at the corner of 59 Ave. and 51 St., has already been sold and the plan must be

registered before construction can begin. Council would still have the option to make changes to other blocks of the plan if that becomes necessary in the future.

Penny saved

The town office will continue to use the penny on cash payments for the time being, Goyan told council, but said that a new accounting system going into service April 1 would round off the total on bills. The mayor advised him to look into this, noting that people paying with cheques and debit or credit cards still pay the exact amount, with only cash sales currently being rounded off under new rules accompanying the phasing out of the penny.

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HIGHLIGHTS

February 12, 2013

Council Meeting

Early Season for Fire Permits – Effective March 1, burning permits will be required for all open burning. Permits can be obtained free of charge from the County Office.

Fee Schedule Bylaw – Council approved a fee schedule bylaw which brings the fees for goods and services provided by the County all into one bylaw. Some of the changes include: County Maps - \$15; Mouse Poison - \$2.00; Re-print Tax Notices - \$10; Post Pounder - \$80/day and \$160/weekend; 16' Landroller - \$3/acre-minimum charge of \$225; 30' Landroller-\$3/acres-minimum charge of \$300; Camping at Westcove \$28 for power; \$23 for non- power; Camping at other parks \$25 for power, \$20 for non-power. The Fee Schedule Bylaw can be viewed on the County website.

Community Aggregate Payment Levy – Council gave first reading to the Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw which will impose a levy on all sand and gravel businesses operating in the County. The levy will be imposed on all sand and gravel businesses operating in the municipality to raise revenue to be used towards the construction and/or maintenance of County road infrastructure. Administration will be setting up a meeting for Council to meet with the pit operators and landowners to discuss the proposed levy prior to considering giving the Bylaw 2nd and 3rd reading. The Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw can be viewed on the County website.

Private Sales of Gravel – Council changed the gravel sales policy to limit the amount of gravel sold to a maximum of 100 cubic yards per rural address on an annual basis. The rate has also been increased to \$15/cubic yard delivered for the first 20 cubic yards and \$25/cubic yard delivered for any more gravel up to 80 cubic yards. These rates take effect immediately.

Volunteer Income Tax Program – County of St. Paul FCSS has partnered with the Canada Revenue Agency to offer the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Trained volunteers will be in the County Office every Tuesday beginning February 19 to complete income tax returns free of charge. They will also be in Mallaig on March 18 from 1-4 pm and the St. Paul Seniors Citizen Hall and Sunnyside Manor on February 22 and March 21, from 1-4 pm. To find out if you qualify for this service and to set up an appointment, call 780-645-1950.

Road Construction Easements – Council approved Road Construction Easements that the Public Works Department has been able to negotiate with the adjacent landowners who will be affected by the road construction projects which were approved by Council for the 2013 Construction season.

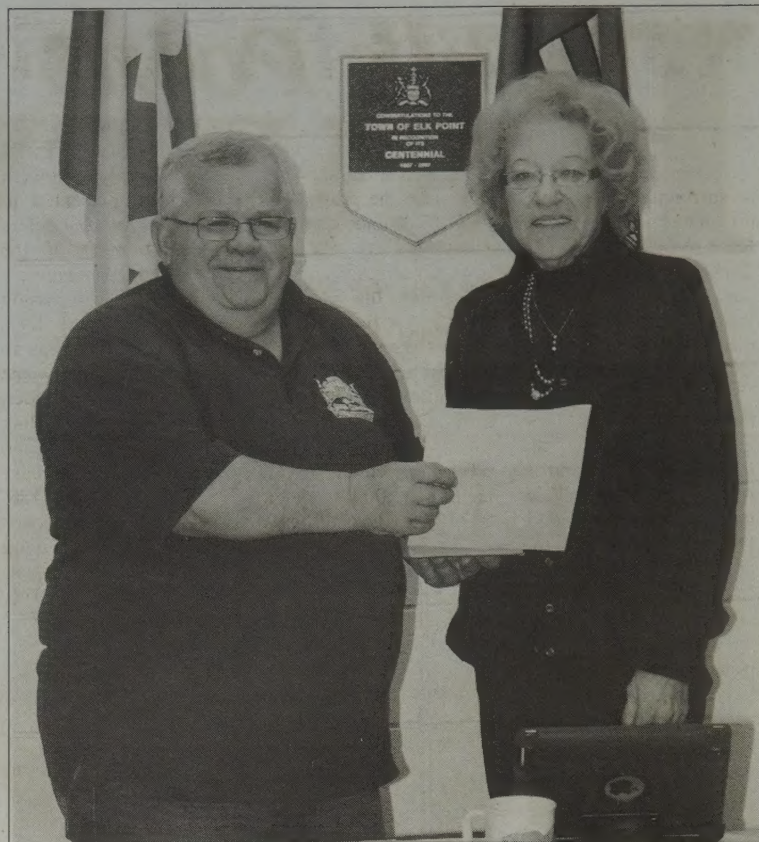
Uniform Quality Management Plan (QMP) – Council approved the updated QMP which describes the disciplines and extent of safety services that the County will provide as an accredited body under the direction of the Safety Codes Council.

Public Auction of Lands – will be held on May 14, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. At the Public Auction, Council will offer for sale any parcel of land on the tax arrears list, if the arrears are not paid. Council will also set a reserve bid for each parcel of land that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the property. The properties will be advertised in the local paper closer to the date of the Public Auction.

Funding

- \$600 – Saturday Night Sponsor for Alberta Francophone Games
- \$5,000 – Incentive for Staffing Recruitment for Elk Point Medical Professional Committee

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Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.**



Vicki Brooker photo

New Deputy Mayor

Town manager Myron Goyan swears in Elk Point's new Deputy Mayor Bernice Capjack at last Monday's regular meeting of town council.

Town council briefs

(Continued from Front Page)

MSI applications

Council was presented with a list of nine operating and two capital grant applications for Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding, with the \$145,030 in requests for operating grants exceeding the amount the town has to disburse. Three are for town programs, and could have been approved immediately, but council agreed that they would like to look

through the applications from other organizations before approving the division of funds, and tabled their decision to the next meeting.

Recruitment fund

The town's former Doctor Recruitment Fund has now been renamed the Health Care Professional Recruitment Fund, to allow the town the flexibility to assist in recruiting nursing staff as well. The balance from the original fund was put back into general revenue

a few years ago, but has now been reallocated to the fund, for use if required.

Also regarding nurses. Mayor Tung reported that a nurse to fill the vacant .8 position in the long-term care will join the staff on April 1, and advertising is ongoing for the .7 position.

MD Foundation

Council agreed to pay the cost of registration and hotel for one delegate to attend the annual conference.

MuniCorr

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich reported that MuniCorr has concerns regarding the location of the water line crossing the Armistice trestle, as it reportedly is on the inside, making the bridge too narrow for the trail groomer, rather than the outside as was planned. Vent pipes for the water line are also considered to be a hazard, as they have not yet been marked to make them visible to trail users.

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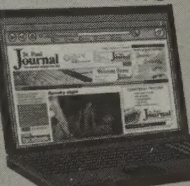
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No takers for Armistice Hall operation

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

After sending letters to surrounding residents, no one has come forward to take over operations of Armistice Hall and County of St. Paul council will now begin to move forward with possibly selling the property. Council directed administration to look into the exact size of the land in question and if that land could be sold or used for anything. Coun. Dwight Dach said he believed the property was less than an acre in size and probably couldn't be used by anyone else aside from the adjacent landowner.

A letter was received from the adjacent

Body found

By ELK POINT RCMP
Review Contributor

On February 13, 2013, the Elk Point RCMP and Emergency Services responded to a report of a deceased person located in a vehicle in the area of Range Road 72 and Township 582.

A resident of the area had observed the vehicle there for a few days. Believing it may have been stolen and abandoned the resident decided to check the vehicle. A person was noticed in the back seat and was unresponsive, 911 was called.

RCMP confirmed the occupant of the vehicle, a male, was deceased. RCMP Forensic Identification Section from St. Paul and the Medical Examiners Office in Edmonton were called to assist.

The deceased, a 39-year-old male from Cold Lake, was transported to the medical examiners office in Edmonton.

Foul play is not suspected.

An autopsy was performed and the investigators are awaiting the results of toxicology tests to determine a cause of death.

The investigation continues.

Anyone with information about this or any crime is asked to contact the Elk Point RCMP or Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to caller ID or call display. All calls and web tips are anonymous and you can receive a reward. If you have any information about any crime, call 1-800-222-8477(TIPS) or submit your tip safely and securely online through www.crimestoppers.ab.ca

landowner stating he would like to purchase the land if it came up for sale since the property is part of his home quarter.

Splash Park denied

Council voted against supporting the St. Paul Splash Park financially.

A request from the St. Paul Splash Park committee offered different levels available for sponsorship of the project, which has a price tag of \$350,000. Just over \$177,000 has already been raised for the park.

The County of St. Paul used a Municipal Sponsorship Grant to build the splash park at Westcove, and didn't request any funding from the Town of St. Paul. The county did support the splash park in Elk Point with \$10,000 total.

Sloan said he felt more county residents used the park at Elk Point than the number that will use the park in St. Paul once it's complete. And Fodness said she felt that supporting the St. Paul Splash Park takes money out of the county's budget for its own parks.

A motion by Sloan to deny the request was carried.

Rates

New Ag Service Board (ASB) rental equipment rates were presented to council, with councillors accepting most of the recommended changes.

Following a discussion on the proposed fees, council did not agree to increase the fee for the rental of the post pounder, as presented. According to the February council agenda, an increase to \$90/day and \$180/weekend was proposed by the ASB. Council agreed to increase the rate only to \$80/day or \$160/weekend.

Other rental items that will be increased will be the land roller (16'), which will be increased to \$3/acre, with a minimum charge of \$225, and the land roller (30') to \$3/acre, with a minimum charge of \$300.

"It's a service we provide," said Coun. Glen Ockerman about the rental equipment, adding, "We support agriculture." Ockerman did not believe significant increases were needed and did not feel the county should be concerned about being competitive with rental companies.

Park Fees

Park fees for county run parks will see a slight increase in 2013.

A \$3 increase to both the powered and non-powered sites at Westcove, brings non-powered fees to \$23 per night and powered sites to \$28 per night. There is a higher rate at Westcove due to the spray park.

A \$5 increase to powered and non-powered sites at all other parks was also proposed. Non-powered sites now cost \$20 per night and

powered sites are \$25 per night.

A \$2 per person day-use fee was also brought forward for all park users, regardless of age, however council rejected the proposal. Westcove is the only county-operated park that charges the \$2 fee because of the spray park, and it is only for people over the age of 12, heard council.

Medevac

A letter from Lac La Biche County requested the County of St. Paul send a letter to the

Premier, Minister of Health and local MLAs requesting the transfer of medevac services be delayed "until proper arrangements are made that protect medevac service standards for northern communities."

Although Fodness didn't say if she agreed or disagreed with the medevac situation, she was concerned about writing the letter because she was unsure of what the "proper arrangements" were.

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky



- There's an old adage that says "Anticipation is the greater part of pleasure". It is quite true for some people. Looking forward to something can bring more happiness than actually buying it. Happiness can also come from spending money on others rather than on ourselves. Give it a try!
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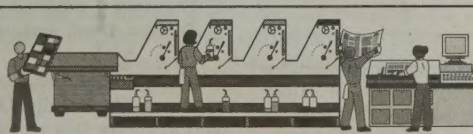
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EDITORIAL

Petition power

Five years ago this week, a 319-signature petition was presented to town council asking for the development of recreational opportunities for the community's children, along with a list of suggestions.

That petition could have gone the way of many petitions, and been dismissed for lack of interest by council, lack of available funding, or because its recipients didn't believe there was a need for change.

This time, however, council recognized that there had been a change in the town's demographics and that the need and the interest was there.

The water spray park, the walking trails and even the hiring of a recreation director all resulted from the discussions that followed. Thanks, council, for listening.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Celebration, circulation and recreation

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 19 IN...

1988

Celebration '88 medals went to female athlete Holly Burton, volunteer Pat Johnson, coach Jim Forrest, male athlete Victor Stepa, official Pat Vincent and sponsor Ken Palamarek of Canadian Salt in recognition of their outstanding contributions to minor sports and community life. Ken and Claire Ference, Remi and Coral Tremblay won the Texaco Farmers' Bonspiel over Don and Barb Anderson, Kevin and Debbie Lawrence.

1993

The Airport Commission was shocked to discover that the cost of extending the Elk Point Airport runway to 4500 feet had grown to more than double the original estimate. A thousand hours of volunteering by Friends of the Forts and other volunteers involved in the opening of Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre was honored with the presentation of certificates at the second annual Fur Trappers' Ball.

1998

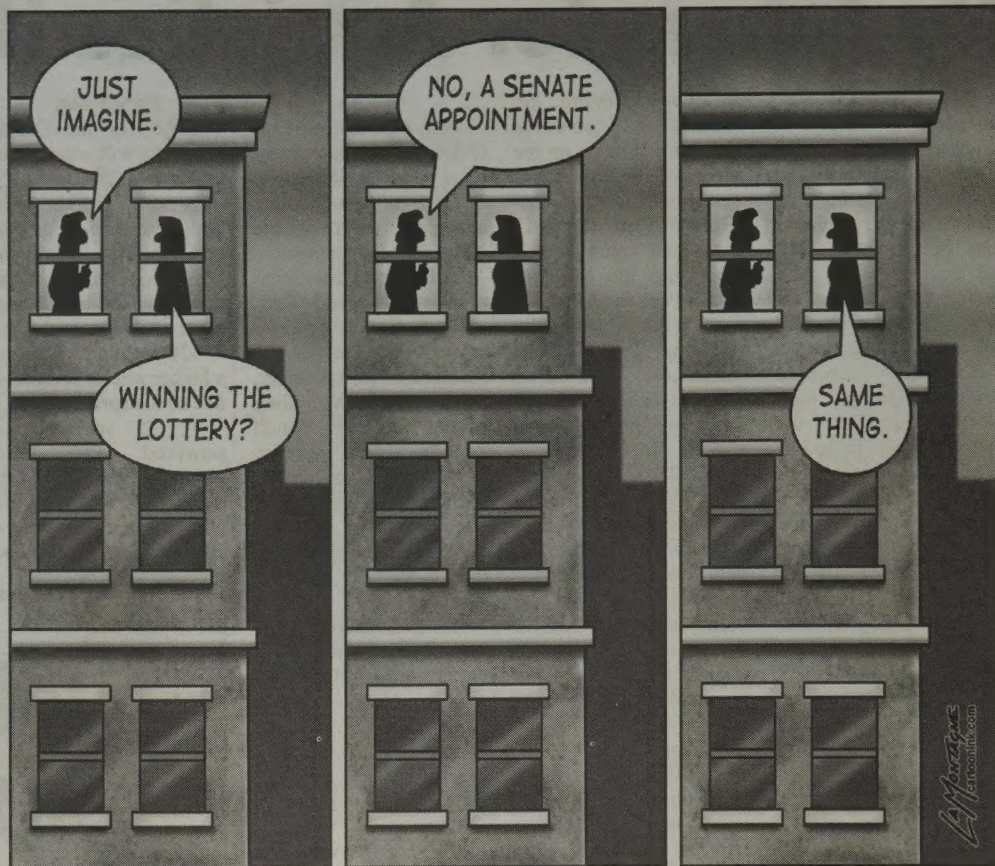
Library statistics showed that reading is finally on a rebound, with memberships up 7.6 per cent and circulation up four per cent after big drops in both in the previous two years. The concept of a regional main street revitalization program, that would also promote preservation of historic buildings, was outlined to town council by Bonnie McInnis of REACH Corporation.

2003

Town council delayed their decision on purchase of a new fire truck, in order to consider financing options. Elk Point Public Library reported a 25 per cent increase in circulation for the year, although membership numbers of 375 town residents and 281 rural residents remained about the same.

2008

A petition with 319 signatures, asking for recreational opportunities for local children was presented to town council along with a list of suggestions ranging from a water park to bike trails. Alberta Progressive Conservative candidate Ray Danyluk opened his Elk Point campaign office in preparation for the upcoming provincial election.



GUEST COLUMN

Simple pleasures

It is now the day after the Family Day weekend and hopefully, we are all back to our normal routines.

February is still with us and it may snow, rain, or blow and our temperature may be any of the low numbers on the Celsius scale. As they say: "It is what it is!"

Actually, February can be a beautiful month. I found a poem by LaVerne P. Larson called "Simple Pleasures" which describes there is really a lot of things we can enjoy.



deanna
EASTHOPE

from the FCSS desk

*The very simple pleasures
In this big world of ours
Will bring you truest happiness
And let you touch the stars.*

*They are all around you
As you go along your way:
Gold and pink dawn of the morning,
Crimson sun at close of day.*

*Little deeds of kindness,
Asking no reward,
Yet weaving hope and faith
Into a strong and lasting cord.*

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

*How great the simple pleasures
Too numerous to count,
And if you stop to see them
They ever seem to mount.*

This poem of which I only quoted a few verses draws our attention to the beauty of the earth and the kindness given is only one thought that we could have enjoyed this last weekend. But there is another thought – that is the friendship that is created in families as we spend time together. There is a poem by Mona K. Guldswog called: "Friendship Is A Recipe" that describes how we can build friendship.

*Take a heap of joy, blend well with trust,
And a measure of dreams to share;
Add minds more than willing to understand
And hearts more than ready to care.
Fold in a generous fluff of forgiving nature.
Kindly word and thoughtful deed,
Then a pinch of humor and a dash of spice
Whipped in with loving speed.
A recipe as old as time itself
Yet always delightfully new...!
They call it simply friendship.
Beloved, tried, and true.*

Yes, families need to develop friendship with one another. The Family Day weekend was only a few days to follow that recipe and hopefully you all experienced good moments that increased your friendship with one another while enjoying all the simple pleasures that made it happen.

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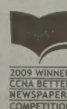
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School board discusses incident communication policy

By RYAN McCRACKEN
Review Contributor

Superintendent Glen Brodziak spoke in regards to incident communications at a Feb. 11 St. Paul Education Regional Division board meeting, as some parents expressed concern about the amount of information being made public regarding incidents involving student safety at schools within the division.

"Obviously our number one concern is the protection of our schools, our kids and our staff. All decisions are based on that with them as our priority, and there is no doubt that comes first," Brodziak said.

"We will always take care of children, we will always take care of our staff, but we have to be aware of everything that surrounds that when we're making decisions, and we have to be careful when we're going to release information and how we're going to release information."

Brodziak said there are certain pieces of information that cannot be made public due to a number of governing bodies, such as the identity of a student or name of a school involved.

"I think I can confidently say that if there is a student safety issue or a staff safety issue, those students, those parents and that staff will be appropriately notified, updated and given all the necessary information that's required within the confines of what is allowed," he said.

Brodziak also pointed out that at the beginning of each school year a "Fair Notice" letter is circulated to parents, detailing the school policy for threat assessment and response.

"It just talks about what guidelines we will follow and what we will do to keep everyone safe," he said.

Maintenance shop A recent fire at the maintenance shop on the north side of St. Paul has left the building with a considerable amount of smoke damage, however operations are continuing as normal.

"While the fire itself was controlled and there was limited water damage, there has been extensive

smoke damage," said Brodziak. "The early indication is we could range from that \$1.5 million to \$2 million expense."

Champagne said most of the fire damage was done to the warehouse portion of the building.

"That's going to need extensive remediation," he said, adding, the workshop and office portions of the building received extensive smoke damage. "The office portion will have to be pretty much redone because of smoke damage."

Champagne said the division is working on bringing in construction crews to make the necessary repairs to the building, but it will not slow down progress at the building.

Brodziak made a note of thanking the staff for their perseverance through this unfortunate issue, and the emergency responders for their diligent actions on a frigid evening.

"They're amazing staff and they continue to push forward and still do what they need to do to keep schools running and keep things moving forward for what needs to be done at all levels," said the superintendent. "We're of course very thankful to the fire rescue and all the responders that night. It was probably one of our coldest nights of the year."

Racette update

Brodziak said there was little to report in regards to the tragedy at Racette, and said classes are running smoothly and students are happy to be back at Racette 2.

"Things are going quite well at the Racette 2 site, the staff are quite happy and things are progressing along as any other school would be given what we're going through, so I'm happy to report that," said Brodziak.

Champagne said construction at Racette 1 is moving on schedule, and while the outside of the building cannot be completed until the weather warms up, the interior of the building should be ready to accommodate students by the end of March.

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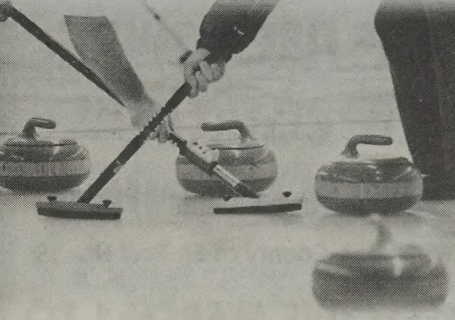
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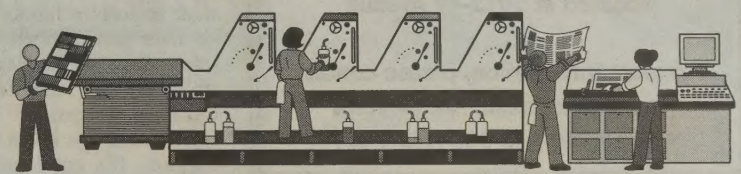
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Elk Point OORP to host District Meeting

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple will have the honour of hosting their sister lodges from across the district at the annual District Meeting in early April.

This will be the first time that the Elk Point lodge has hosted the District Meeting in a facility other than the Elks

Hall. Because the hall has now become the home of Play 2Learn Daycare, the OORP has found a new location for their meetings and chose to hold this event at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Planning for the coming event got underway in earnest at this month's lodge meeting, as volunteers signed up to bake muffins, decorate the

large facility and make other necessary preparations for the meeting.

The day will begin with registration and a coffee hour as delegates from the various lodges arrive. A banquet at noon will be followed by the meeting, at which the local lodge will conduct the opening and closing ceremonies.

Lodge members are currently canvassing for contributions of small promotional items for the 'goodie bags' that will be distributed to each visitor, as well as door prize items.



A quilt festooned with pansies, the OORP's official flower, is one of the early donations of door prizes for the upcoming District Meeting. Honored Royal Lady RubyAnn Kittlitz (left) and Lady Lois Sharek check out the handiwork.

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Ag Safety Week organizers urge farmers to 'Get with the Plan!'

By THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL
SAFETY ASSOCIATION

This March, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), and exclusive corporate sponsor Farm Credit Canada (FCC) want to encourage farmers to "Get with the Plan!" just in time for Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, March 10-16, 2013.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) is an annual public education campaign focusing on the importance of practicing safe agriculture. In 2013, organizers want to inspire farmers to develop their own written health and safety plans by hearing about the struggles, and successes of other Canadian farmers.

"It's not just about connecting the dots. It's not even just about managing business risks or becoming

a preferred employer, although those are all great benefits of safety planning," says Marcel Hacault, Executive Director of CASA. "It's about making a commitment to safety. That's why it's important for farmers to hear from other producers that have faced injuries, or achieved success with their own safety planning, because producers can learn from one another and motivate each other in the process."

As part of CASW, CASA, CFA and FCC are working with local organizations to host two FarmSafe Forum events in Guelph, Ontario and Truro, Nova Scotia. Both FarmSafe Forum events will feature a day long, free, on-farm inspection training workshop for farmers and students, as well as presentations from local farmers and community leaders.

"As a farmer myself, I can vouch

for the importance of on-farm safety. It makes good business sense, but it's also a responsibility we have to ourselves, our families and employees. We encourage all farmers to develop a safety plan and to take advantage of the resources available through CASA, including the FarmSafe Forums," says CFA President Ron Bonnett.

"With an industry that's growing, there's even more need to ensure safety in our business practices," says Remi Lemoine, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at FCC. "We're committed to helping Canadian producers stay safe at work, and encourage thoughtful planning through written health and safety plans. This year's Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is a great forum to be inspired, and make safety a priority."

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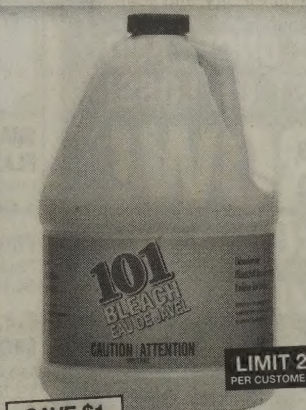


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Elk Point 'aggressively' recruiting staff for hospital

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Aggressive efforts are being made to recruit staff for the Elk Point Hospital and a recruitment committee is looking at offering potential staff some lucrative incentives.

Councillor Dwight Dach spoke to County of St. Paul council regarding a request to support incentives to draw in more nurses to the Elk Point Hospital at council's last regular meeting on Feb. 12.

As a result of the staff shortage, most acute care beds at the hospital have been closed, and patients now have to be transported to other area hospitals, like St. Paul and Bonnyville, heard council. Dach expressed the importance of the Elk Point Hospital given its central proximity to the oil field and the helipad that can be accessed by STARS air ambulance.

"It is difficult to attract RNs (registered nurses) to a small town," said Dach. He explained that a recruitment committee has been put together and is working toward offering nurses incentives, such as free housing for a

year if they agree to working for two years in Elk Point.

The committee is "aggressively recruiting," said Dach, adding, they are also working with businesses to offer additional incentives.

"I don't know if this really can wait to budget," said Coun. Glen Ockerman, following a request to bring the issue to council's upcoming budget meetings.

Council agreed to support to effort with \$5,000 now, which is less than what Dach said he was hoping to get, but council also agreed to bring the request to its budget meetings in hopes of giving the committee more funding.

The Town of Elk Point is contributing \$60,000 to the committee, heard council.

Meetings have been held recently with numerous health care professionals and government representatives to discuss the issues facing the Elk Point hospital. It became necessary to close some of the acute care beds in November of 2012, and the Emergency Department was closed overnight during the Christmas holidays as a result of the staff shortage.

County council

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Martin said the way the province is setting up the medevac at the International airport "isn't ideal," adding, "it's the transport time" from the airport to the hospital that he's concerned about.

Reeve Steve Upham stated that the county has already sent letters to the province stating the county's position. The letter from Lac La Biche was filed for information.

Mallaig Water

A motion was carried by council to proceed with putting together an application to the

Water for Life program. If successful, the grant would allow the county to bring water from Ashmont to Mallaig.

Francophone Games

Council has agreed to support the upcoming Alberta Francophone Games that are being hosted in St. Paul from May 17 to 19. More than 350 athletes are expected to compete in the games.

Councillors passed a motion to support the event to a tune of \$600 for a Saturday night social event.

Penalty canceled

Council agreed to

cancel \$1,558 worth of tax penalties to Newalta. The company agreed to pay the actual taxes for the 2010 and 2011 tax years when Lindbergh Environmental Service Inc. owned and operated the well and pipelines in question but Newalta did not feel it was responsible for the penalties that were incurred.

The property in question has since been transferred back to Newalta because of "financial constraints on Lindbergh's behalf," says a letter from Newalta.

School board

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"Things are definitely coming along," said Champagne.

Staffing Report

The Alberta School Board Association compiled a staffing report for every division in the province, and St. Paul Education Regional Division #1 fits very closely with the average in the pupil-to-teacher ratio as well as teacher education and experience.

The Alberta-wide average for the pupil-to-teacher ratio is 15.83 students for every teacher. With 3,961 students enrolled in the division, St. Paul sits slightly below the average at 14.95 pupils for per teacher.

Teachers within the division share an average of 7.75 years of teaching experience, just below the provincial average of 8.05 years, and share an average of 4.51 years of education, slightly below the provincial average of 4.75 years.

Two Hills Mennonite School

St. Paul Education Regional Division has set a sod turning date at Two Hills Mennonite School for April 3 at 1:30 p.m.

But Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne said construction crews would like to be mobilized at the site by mid-March, which could pose an issue for the sod turning date.

"How much they're able to do around there will be weather permitting, so if we have the sod turning on April 3, there's a good chance that there's going to be sod that's been turned before," Champagne said. "It's hard to get a date that works for everyone."

Maureen Miller said that regardless of when construction crews reach the site, April 3 would still be an "exciting" day in Two Hills.

"It will be the highlight of the summer over there I'm sure," she said.

World Day of Prayer to focus on France

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

This year's World Day of Prayer ecumenical service, to be held at Elk Point United Church on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m., has a focus on France, with this year's service written by the women of that nation. Unlike the many years when the service was written by women in lands torn by war, suffering from poverty and oppression, this year's version comes from a much more peaceful land with a rich culture. France is also a hospitable land, and the 2013 service focuses on the theme, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Featured speakers for the Elk Point World Day of Prayer will be a student who has visited France and Rev. Lorraine Lambert, who will speak on the theme.

The service will be a joint presentation of St. Vlodimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Elk Point Christian Community Church, Elk Point Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, and Elk Point United Church, and will be followed by a light supper.

For further information, call Shirley Kvill at 780-943-3338 or Donna Chamberland at 780-724-2422.

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By DAPHNE SCHNURER

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TOPS' 10 ways to boost self-esteem

ALBERTA—February is International Boost Self-Esteem Month. Winter doldrums can get the best of anyone, and this annual observation is a timely opportunity to focus on cultivating feelings of self-respect. TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, offers these ideas to improve self-esteem when on a journey to better wellness.

1. Stop comparing yourself to others. Trying to live up to or exceed someone else's personal best is a losing game. As the saying goes, "How boring would it be if we were all the same?" Focus on being the best you that you can be.

2. Compliment yourself regularly, either

by looking in the mirror and saying something you like about yourself or writing it in a journal. Many times, we're quick to compliment others on their success but hesitate to do the same for ourselves.

3. Exercise consistently, at least 30 minutes of exercise several times a week, to strengthen muscles and to burn calories. Improve your physical strength, and you may feel a sense of empowerment that can dramatically enhance your self-esteem.

4. Simply smile. The mere act of smiling changes blood flow to the brain and can actually makes you feel happier and relieve tension. A smile sets off chemical and physical reactions within your mind and

body, releasing endorphins that boost your mood.

5. Focus on your accomplishments. Forgive yourself for mistakes and focus on the positive by celebrating your victories. Consider writing them down so you can review and reflect when you're feeling down and need to renew your confidence.

6. Get the support you need to succeed. Join a weight-loss support group, like TOPS, which can help you to stay on track to accomplish your wellness goals. Fellow members will help keep you motivated.

7. Make a list of your positive qualities. Are you generous? Kind? Write down at least ten positive qualities about yourself and return to this

list as often as needed to boost your morale.

8. Find something special in each day. Even if it's in a small way, do something pleasant and rewarding, like catching up on your favorite television show, taking a walk to the park, or indulging in a bubble bath. Or treat yourself to something small that isn't a food or beverage, like a manicure or a new piece of costume jewelry.

9. Eat better. Pay attention to your food choices and nourish your body. Buy healthier foods and prepare well-balanced meals that will help give you energy and feel like your best self – not sluggish and overstuffed.

10. Explore a passion. Whether it's a side job, hobby, or as a volunteer, pursuing your passion in even a small way can lead to a sense of purpose and significantly improve your overall happiness and quality of life.

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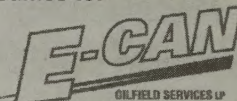
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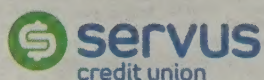
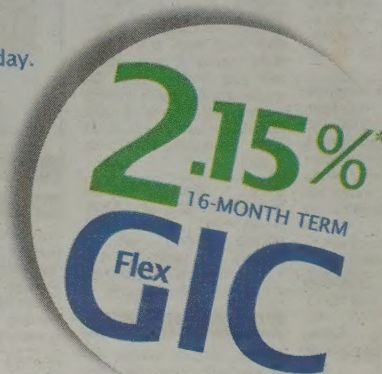
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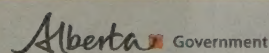
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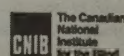
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